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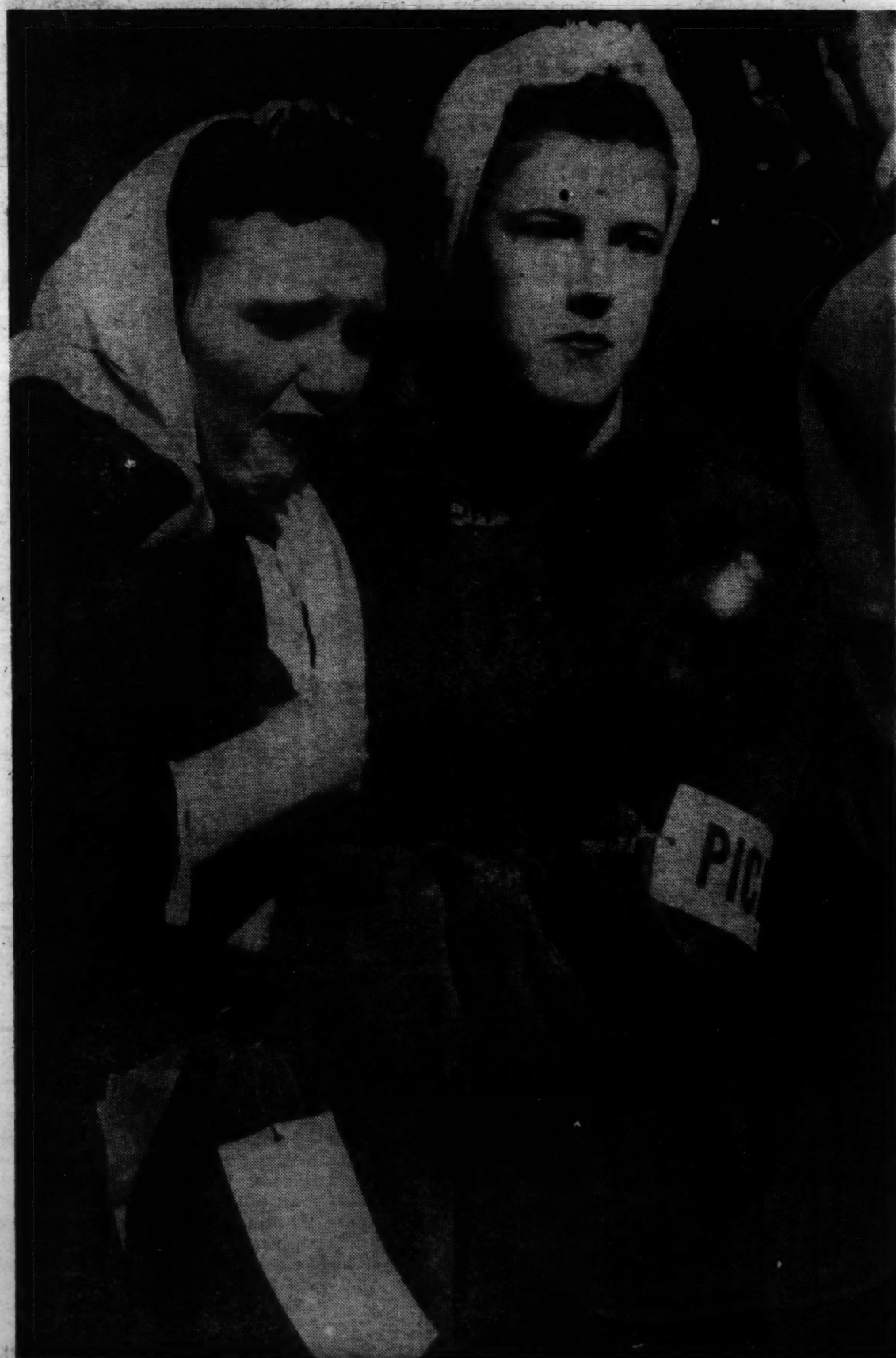
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HURT BY SCAB: Injured Jersey striker is helped away from the picket line at a Newark telephone exchange building. The striker, Frances Webber, was knocked to the ground by a strikebreaker. When a Navy veteran, Eugene Lopez, intervened to help Miss Webber he was arrested. The strikebreaker went scot-free. See Page 3.

—Daily Worker Photo by Ash

LABOR and the NATION

New Mine Explosion Kills 9

By Walter Lowenfels

EXETER, Pa., April 10.—An explosion killed nine miners and injured eight this morning at an anthracite mine where the last federal inspection, Nov. 14, had showed a number of safety violations. Only heroic rescue work, in which one of the rescuers was overcome and had to be removed on his fourth trip, saved the nine injured men. Three of them are in critical condition at the Pittston Hospital, four miles from here. An earth-shaking blast sent up clouds of smoke and dust at 7

a.m. at a mine known as the Schooley Shaft. The mine is operated by the Panzetta Coal Co. under contract from the Knox Coal Co., which leases the mine from the owner, the Pennsylvania Coal Co.

A crowd that swelled to 1,000 gathered quickly at the mine, including wives and children waiting to find out whether their husbands and fathers were living or dead.

CITE STATE INSPECTION

Joseph J. Walsh, state deputy mine inspector, said the mine had six safety inspections since Jan. 1, and that no violations which would cause an explosion were discovered. The last state inspection was March 11.

However, from Washington it was learned that the last Federal Bureau of Mines inspection, which lasted from Oct. 31 to Nov. 14, reported safety violations. Anthracite mines are not under government operation. Only the state has power to enforce safety recommendations.

The federal inspector, G. M. Mortensen, recommended that explosives be stored in boxes away from workings until needed; safer electrical equipment in working places; more underground fire protection; ventilation doors to be kept closed, and other safety procedures.

GAS BLAST

Survivors said it was a gas explosion that caught the 17 men, 420 feet underground in the bottommost pit of the mine. Two hundred other miners in higher veins were either just arriving at their places or preparing to descend.

Rescue worker wearing gas masks recovered the last body at 11:20 this morning. Most of the injured were overcome and some were burned.

It was the second major disaster in the anthracite this year. No legislative inquiry has yet been held into the first explosion which killed 15 miners at the Nottingham Mine of the Glen Alden Co., Jan. 15.

Benjamin Focilna, 48-year-old survivor, said the explosion tore down doors, splintered the ventilating system's lattice work, and crumpled the side walls. His buddy was one of the dead.

UN Atom Body Votes U.S. Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 10.—Members of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission voted tonight to plan development of atomic power before trying to outlaw atomic weapons.

Delegates adopted the American-proposed work program despite objections of Russia's Andrei Gromyko, who insisted the first step should be a treaty to junk all atomic weapons immediately.

On the vote, 10 of the 12 commission delegates—all except Gromyko and the Polish representative—backed the American plan. Chairman Alexander Cadogan of Great Britain did not call for the negative votes.

Gromyko insisted he wanted to outlaw atomic weapons "not only in words, but in fact," and asked an immediate start on the drafting of a treaty to destroy all such arms.

FDR Memorial Meet To Be Held April 12

Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Elliott Roosevelt, Bartley C. Crum, West Coast Republican attorney, and J. Raymond Walsh will speak at the Memorial meeting in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to be held Saturday evening, April 12 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore, it was announced today. Sponsor is the New York State Chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America.

Bus Trust Indicted By Federal Court

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Attorney General Tom Clark announced today that nine corporations and seven persons have been indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate the anti-trust laws in sales of buses and other products to a busline combine controlled by National City Lines, Inc., Chicago.

Fur Joint Board Raps VA Budget Cut Plan

The Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers Unions yesterday protested to President Truman against slashes in the Veterans Administration budget by the House Appropriations Committee.

By Bernard Burton

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It was raining but the line was the largest yet. It seemed almost everyone had thought the weather would stop somebody else so thousands had turned up for an extra stint.

Couriers came down from strike headquarters with cellophane raincoats for the girls, but the pickets spurned them. They were the most attractive pickets New York had seen in a long time; it would have been a shame even partly to conceal their buoyant, determined faces.

The slight, spectacled picket captain apologized for the interruptions. Telephone maintenance workers

Judge Refuses to Return \$2,800,000 to Miners' Fund

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough today refused to remit to the United Mine Workers \$2,800,000 of the fine he imposed deciding to hold it as a club to force an end of the safety stoppage. The Supreme Court, in its ruling, ordered Goldsborough's \$3,500,000 fine cut to \$700,000 provided Lewis complies with his ruling.

Goldsborough granted the government's request for two weeks more to decide whether it wants to charge the union with contempt of the court's decision. But the judge expressed his own opinion that John L. Lewis, by calling upon the miners to stay out of the pits until safety is certified by the Federal government, is "utterly contemptuous."

It said it was up to Lewis and the union to still show that "they intended to carry out the mandate and letter and in spirit."

"I could not today say they have complied," he added.

The judge charged Lewis with taking advantage of the Centralia disaster that killed 111 miners to renew the stoppage as a memorial.

As the judge was giving his opinion, 18 more coal miners were killed or injured in a mine where a gas explosion occurred. This time in Exeter, Pa.

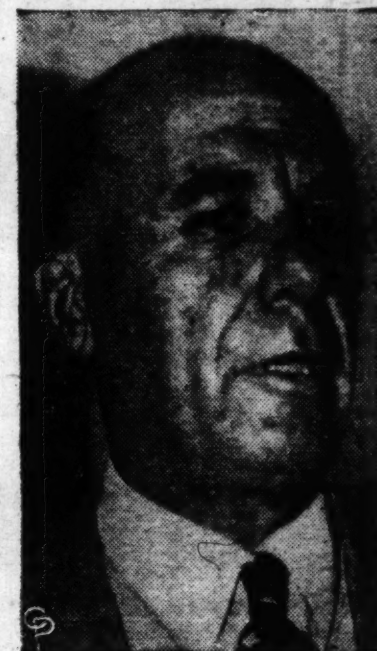
The judge also voiced the argument of Interior Secretary A. J. Krug that Lewis had not questioned mine safety before April 1, and that mourning for the Centralia victims was only a subterfuge. The safety stoppage was called under a specific provision in the contract giving the union a right to do so in unsafe mines.

Lewis was not in court, but his attorney Welly Hokins paid Lewis' personal \$10,000 fines.

Meanwhile, at a hearing of the Senate's Public Lands Committee, Krug charged Lewis with "an unbroken record of neglect" in promoting mine safety.

Krug's statement was in reply to Lewis' charge last week of "criminal negligence" against Krug. He based his charge mainly on the claim that union safety committees were inactive.

Krug also submitted a mine inspection program employing 1,500 federal inspectors in place of the present 170.



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Collous to Mine Deaths

Maintenance Man on the Picket Line

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March Together:

Only a few Negro girls have ever been able to get jobs with the telephone company, but they're out solid in the strike. These strikers are picketing the N. Y. Telephone Co. exchange at 108 St. and Manhattan Ave.

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

like Beveridge, he said, must go through an eight-year apprenticeship. The work is highly specialized and ranks at least with the skill of first grade radio technicians and electricians.

EARN LESS

But radio technicians and electricians, Beveridge pointed out, earn far more than phone maintenance men. These days, starting apprentice pay is around \$28 a week. After years of service you get up into the top pay brackets which is near \$80. It's pretty difficult for one of these men to quit for another job; it means giving up years of painstakingly acquired ability, and they

have a justified pride in their skill. They're asking for as much pay as other highly skilled workers receive.

And then there's the fancy pension system. If the average AT&T workers were to retire today he would receive a pension about the equivalent of state unemployment compensation pay. If AT&T President Walter Gifford were to retire today, he would get more than \$86,000 a year for the rest of his life.

UNION SECURITY

Seniority violations are another issue; Beveridge could have listed plenty more. But the issue which

appears to overshadow most points is the right to free, untrammelled union security.

True, the company has been charged with helping to start many of the phone unions, but the workers who belonged to them have been making them into real labor organizations. They're demanding the right to have a say in their working lives and there is nothing more American, democratic and just than the right of workers to control and build their own organizations.

The telephone workers mean to get that right, ATT, Congress or New Jersey's Gov. Driscoll notwithstanding.

Dodgers Sign Robinson

Jackie Robinson yesterday became a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first Negro signed to play in the big leagues. The historic announcement came during the sixth inning of the Brooklyn-Montreal exhibition game at Ebbets field. A typewritten slip of paper handed out in the press box said simply:

"The Brooklyn Dodgers today purchased the contract of

Jackie Roosevelt Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

—Branch Rickey."

In this manner the 11-year-old fight to break down organized baseball's Jimcrow achieved its first great victory, and the way was opened for the complete ending of the unpopular ban. Fifteen thousand Brooklyn fans, unaware of Robinson's

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AT&T 'Peaceful' Methods: Newark cops crashed into a picket line after a strikebreaker hurried operator Francis Webber to the ground. Miss Webber had to be helped to a doctor's office by fellow strikers for medical attention. A striker who assisted her was arrested. Her assailant was not bothered by police.

—Daily Worker Photo by Art.

Reject A.T.&T. Offer to Long Lines Union

By Bernard Burton

Leaders of the National Federation of Telephone Workers in Washington last night rejected a company offer made to the Long Lines Union as picket lines and strike machinery

were strengthened throughout the country.

President Joseph A. Beirne of the NFW said the company proposal was "unsatisfactory." He said the NFW's 49-member policy committee had approved a counter-proposal which will be given to Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach and made public at 11 a.m. today.

Fourteen thousand New Jersey operators meanwhile continued to defy the "slave edict" prescribing fines and jail sentences for strikers of state-seized utilities. The bill was not enforced against the strikers yesterday. Henry Mayer, counsel for New Jersey strikers, flew to Washington presumably for further discussions with NFWU leaders.

AYD Guitar Strings Along With Pickets

Newark telephone pickets are being cheered by a group of members of the American Youth for Democracy, singing the good old and new union songs. It started the other day when Nat Brooks, executive secretary of the New Jersey AYD, brought his guitar and 10 fellow members to the picket line.

By unanimous request, they're coming back every day. They can be heard at 3:30 this afternoon, at Washington St. and Branford Pl.

B&O Bankrupt Fraud Laid to Jesse H. Jones

WASHINGTON, April 10.—A former Baltimore & Ohio official charged today that a court-approved bankruptcy reorganization of the railroad was a dishonest, fraudulent transaction agreed to by Jesse H. Jones, as Reconstruction Finance Corp. chairman.

Cassius M. Clay, who was an RFC attorney before he became B. & O. general solicitor, told the Senate Banking Committee that the 1944 bankruptcy was a "dishonest one from any angle that you look at it."

He said he did not think Jones gained personally by the transaction which "left the government holding the bag with an \$80,000,000 loan until 1965."

Clay testified after Robert Larue, committee counsel, outlined what he called a "prima facie case" that Jones and five associates had managed the situation so as to "control" the railroad.

Clay said he resigned from the B. & O. in 1945 "because the bankruptcy was and is a fraudulent one."

After Jones agreed to extend for five years—until 1944—an \$85,000,000 RFC loan due in 1939, Larue testified, the "Jones group" became "entrenched" in the management of the B. & O.

"The control of the great B. & O. Railroad system, with its billions of dollars of assets, its tremendous political influence, its 60,000 employees and its \$150,000,000 payroll was in the hands of the Jones group," he said.

Larue asserted that later on the group became worried lest the 1944 Presidential election deprive them of "control," and added:

"To insure against this event, the Jones group conceived the idea of effecting a fictitious bankruptcy."

Pepper Blasts Greek Deal In a Fighting Senate Talk

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The issue before Congress is whether to strengthen and support the United Nations as man's best hope of peace or deal it a "mortal blow" from which it may never recover, Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) said today in Senate debate on the Truman Doctrine.

In a two and a half hour speech, he treated in detail every argument raised by administration and GOP leaders in support of S 938 which provides \$400 million for intervention in Greece and Turkey. In this third day of debate, the eloquent Floridian established clearly his leadership of forces opposed to the Truman-Vandenberg foreign policy.

Sen. Robert Taft (R-O) chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, ended speculation as to his position on the bill with a statement giving it qualified support. Failure to adopt it would destroy Truman's prestige in negotiations with the Soviet government, he said.

HITS TURKEY AID

Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex), Democratic foreign policy spokesman in the Senate, in an hour-long speech today urged its adoption to halt "Russia's mad march toward world domination."

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo) spoke in support of his amendment to exclude Turkey from participation in the program. Military aid to Turkey, he said, is "a damnable proposal."

"The American people, suffering under heavy taxation, poured out their blood and wealth while Turkey profited," Johnson declared. "By no stretch of the imagination can Turkey be said to be on the road to democracy, even though our State Department gracefully approves the brutal, harsh, and ruthless dicta-

torship that controls the nation." Pepper read from the UN Charter to show the U. S. committed itself to act with other nations to remove threats to peace.

"FRIGHTENS PEOPLE"

The proposal that the U. S. repudiate its pledge frightens the American people, said Pepper, and disappoints them "more than any other single event since the establishment of the UN."

The Vandenberg amendment, permitting the United Nations to veto U.S. action, was described by Pepper as an "ingenious" device to stifle protest. "This may soothe our conscience but it does not correct our conduct," he said.

Pepper pointed out the occasion for alarm in Greece was reports that three Balkan countries were helping train and equip "certain Greeks, said to number 13,000 and alleged to be led by Communists."

A UN Commission investigating these charges has not yet reported its findings.

"NO THREAT"

"Can anyone justify the U. S. sending a military mission to Greece, equipping and training a Greek army of 125,000 as an answer to alleged intervention now being investigated by the UN?" asked Pepper.

"And what is the aggression threatening the independence and security of Turkey? There have been no excursions into Turkish territory by the forces of Russia or

any other nation. There is no Communist threat in Turkey."

The "assumed threat," Pepper pointed out, is the Soviet request that the four Black Sea powers, including the Soviet Union, shall determine control of the Dardanelles, for 200 years.

At Potsdam, Britain and the U. S. agreed to review the Montreux convention which controls the Dardanelles, Pepper declared, and make certain concessions to the Soviets. "This is one of the pending issues yet unsettled among big powers. But there has been no ultimatum. There's been no new demand. What precipitated the present proposal was not a new threat by Russia but notice by Britain that she was no longer able or willing to pay the major part of the expense of maintaining the Turkish army."

Pepper took up the claim that the U. S. could not act through the UN because the Soviet Union would veto any action.

"The UN got Russian troops out of Iran without a veto," he said. "The UN got British troops out of Syria and Lebanon without a veto."

"SPREAD OF IDEA"

"Russia is constantly denounced as having been engaged in a protracted course of conquest since the end of the war," he declared. "Yet she has today less territory than she had at the beginning of World War I. And it must be ad-

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ALL OR NONE

Terms of the "final offer" by American Telephone and Telegraph to the long distance operators were not disclosed. John J. Moran, president of the Long Lines Union insisted earlier, that any agreement must cover all or none of the 40-odd unions involved in the country-wide strike.

Beirne said the management offer to the 20,000 long distance operators called for arbitration of disputed issues on a local instead of a national basis, and therefore was "inconsistent" with NFWU policy.

Asked how long the strike was likely to continue, Beirne told reporters:

"Nothing has changed — We're prepared to go on indefinitely."

The CP which had planned to raise

TALKS DEADLOCKED

Negotiations in New York remained deadlocked last night after being resumed for the first time since the strike began Monday. New York strike leaders meanwhile dug in for a long strike.

More than 4,000 Manhattan telephone strikers crowded Manhattan Center yesterday afternoon for a rally at which plans were made for strengthening strike solidarity. They cheered their own speakers and Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen who praised their fight as one in behalf of the American living standard.

The strikers cheered messages of support from the united labor meeting held Wednesday night and pledged full backing to the New Jersey strikers.

B'KLYN RALLY

Strike leaders announced plans for a Brooklyn rally today and for a mass picketing demonstration in the Bronx-Westchester area. The Brooklyn meeting will be held at the St. George Hotel at 2 p.m. and will be addressed by strike leaders, representatives of other unions, and community leaders.

The Bronx-Westchester demonstration is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Fordham Exchange, 2373 Tiebout Ave., Bronx.

WORLD EVENTS

Austin Mum as Lange Asks Who Menaces Greece

LAKE SUCCESS, April 10.—Polish delegate Dr. Oscar Lange challenged U.S. delegate Warren Austin to reveal in the United Nations Security Council what country is threatening Greece and Turkey.

"We have indeed heard that the independence of Greece is threatened," he said, "but we have not been told by whom."

And if there is a threat to those countries, Lange asked why should not the Security Council, which is designated by the UN charter to handle such a threat, protect them?

The Greek people are in dire need of aid, Lange said, and proposed that aid should be given to Greece under UN supervision.

Senator Warren Austin urged the Council to reject Gromyko's proposal that the UN shall establish a special commission to provide and control aid to Greece. He ignored Lange's challenge to declare what country menaces Greece and Turkey.

Austin also defended the military aspects of the Truman program. While he carefully omitted the fact that the proposed U. S. aid was almost exclusively military, when he first informed the UN about the issue, today Austin said.

"The purpose of the proposed (military) aid is consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations charter in respect to the maintenance of domestic tranquility and the security of the state which are necessary for economic welfare."

Austin also argued in favor of the U. S. motion to instruct the UN Balkan inquiry commission to leave a sub-commission in Greece while the commission prepares and pre-

sents its report to the Security Council.

In challenging Austin to name the outsider who is causing turmoil in Greece, Lange asked:

"Maybe it is the Soviet Union? Her representative sits right among us and if such suspicion exists, he should be asked for an explanation."

Push War On Greek Patriots

British-trained Greek monarchist troops with U. S. and British arms, landed on Cape Platamon from the sea and pushed inland, in an effort to wipe out guerilla patriots on Mount Olympus and Mount Ossa.

Minister of Defense Napoleon Zervas, who served with the Nazis during the war, announced that "operations are proceeding satisfactorily."

Six hundred paratroopers landed at Larissa and met stubborn resistance from the anti-fascist guerillas.

Minister of Air Panyotis Cannelopoulos said 200 bombers and fighter planes were attacking villages.

Press dispatches reported 116 guerillas killed but gave no figures for civilians slaughtered by the rocket firing and bombing planes—including the most recent models used at the end of the war by the U. S. and British air forces.

Buchenwald Beasts Face Trial

Thirty German men and a pregnant woman will be marched into a courtroom at Dachau today to see a motion picture of the horrors they directed at

Buchenwald concentration camp. The defendants are all former Buchenwald officials. Fifty-one thousand helpless prisoners were killed at Buchenwald, and the

defendants are accused of being responsible for the deaths of most of them.

Mrs. Ilse Koch, who made gloves and lampshades of the human skin of Buchenwald inmates, is one of the defendants. Physicians discovered yesterday that she is three months' pregnant and an investigation was opened to determine the circumstances, since she has been in jail for two years.

There was some suspicion that Mrs. Koch, who is 42 and whose husband was the commandant of Buchenwald, hoped to escape trial because of her pregnancy.

Marshall Nixes French Bid on Ruhr, Rhineland

MOSCOW, April 10.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall today rejected a French demand for separation of the Ruhr and Rhineland from Germany. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault opened today's meeting of the Big Four, by demanding:

1. A special Ruhr statute, like that for Trieste, to be put in the German peace treaty and enforced by the United Nations Security Council. Ownership of Ruhr coal mines and foundries to be transferred to those United Nations which fought Germany. The management to be entrusted to the Big Four and the neighbors of the Ruhr—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

2. Political and economic separation of the Rhineland from Germany.

3. Permanent allied occupation of the left bank of the Rhine.

Regarding the United States proposal for a 40-year treaty to enforce German disarmament, Bidault said, "it is not enough." In submitting her own proposals France has no other thought in mind than safeguarding her territory against another invasion.

In addition to the Ruhr and Rhineland proposals, France wants the rich coal region of the Saar incorporated into the French economy.

Marshall, in rejecting the French main demands, went even farther than had Bidault in trying to make the Saar a part of France.

Marshall asked for immediate action on this proposal.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin supported Marshall.

THIS IS:

Defend Democracy - Defend Labor Week

In the Bronx

APRIL 7 to APRIL 15

ACTION FOR TONIGHT!

Answer the contempt citation against

EUGENE DENNIS

Report to your Club and Section tonight for house-to-house sale of literature in houses visited on Monday. Bring your recruits in tonight!

CLIMAX OF THE WEEK!

Bring Your Recruits to

BRONX COUNTY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HENRY WINSTON

National Organization Secretary

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 P.M.

Bronx Winter Garden

Tremont & Washington Aves.

Bring Your Questions!

Bring Your Recruits!

Manhattan Clubs Give Reaction a Headache!

2,500 NEW MEMBERS BY APRIL 18

These Clubs are in the lead at this moment:

	Starting Membership	New Recruits
Tubman Club, West Side	53	31
Olgin Club, Lower East Side	57	26
Flynn Club, West Side	66	17
Columbus Hill, Jefferson	68	17
Youth Club, Lower West Side	31	14
Greek Club, Chelsea	40	13
Bandiera Rossa, Lower Manhattan	71	19

They challenge your Club to win a radio at the

SECOND MILESTONE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 — 8 P.M.
FORBES AUDITORIUM

CONNECTICUT COMES THROUGH!

\$5,000 QUOTA RAISED

IN RECORD TIME

Now let's reach the following quotas by May 1:

Fairfield	\$4,500
New Haven	5,000
Hartford	5,000
Eastern Connecticut	1,000

\$15,000 for Press, Concentration and Party

Needs in Connecticut

Communist Party of Connecticut

ATTENTION—QUEENS COUNTY COMMUNISTS!

Several thousand UE, UAW (CIO), Iron Workers (AFL) and Telephone Workers are on strike in our borough.

AT THIS MOMENT THE HOUSE IS PUSHING THROUGH AN ANTI - LABOR OMNIBUS BILL.

THIS MUST BE "DEFEND LABOR AND AID TO LABOR WEEK" HERE IN QUEENS MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!

We plan:

1. To collect 3,000 cans of food for strike relief
2. Deluge Queens Congressmen with 5,000 wires and letters to stop the anti-labor omnibus bill.
3. Distribute thousands of "Defend Labor and Save Civil Liberties" leaflets in our borough
4. Recruit 100 new members to our Party by April 20

HOW TO DO IT — PLAN OF WORK

Friday, April 11—Support the meeting of the Queens Trade Union Committee to Defend Labor at the Lost Battalion Hall

Saturday, April 12—(1) Party picket line in Jamaica against Truman doctrine; (2) mass distribution of suppressed Dennis statement; (3) visit contacts and friends to be recruited; (4) every member get five wires to Congress.

Sunday, April 13—(1) House to house canvassing with Worker and visiting of contacts for recruiting. Wires to Congress; (2) branch organizers to phone results to Section organizers

Monday, April 14—Branch execs meet: (1) organize recruiting plans for week; (2) draw up and put out leaflet informing your concentration blocks that they will be visited on Thursday for food for strikers

Tuesday, April 15—Branch meeting. Popularize this plan and involve all comrades in it.

Wednesday, April 16—Full mobilization for house to house distribution of food collection leaflet

Thursday, April 17—Go back to houses, collect food and distribute County leaflet on "Defend Labor." Wires to Congress.

Friday, April 18—(1) Visiting of all contacts. Wires to Congress. Recruit these contacts; (2) deliver all food to County

Saturday, April 19—(1) Set up tables in streets for wires and letters; (2) continue distribution of County leaflets

Sunday, April 20—Full mobilization at Sections at 9:30 A.M. to visit contacts with Dennis leaflet, May Day pamphlet and Worker

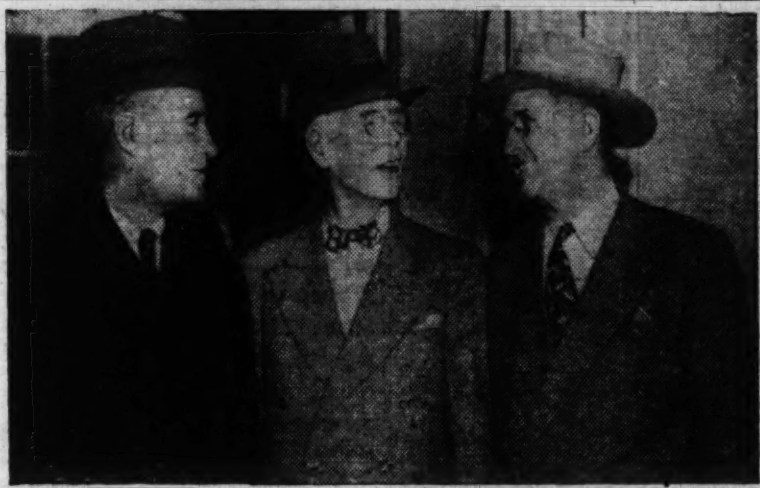
Branch organizer phone recruiting results to Section organizers

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. Following sections must have daily orders of Worker for distribution to telephone strikers: Rego, Jamaica, Far Rockaway and North Shore
2. Astoria to order daily bundle for distribution to striking iron and UAW workers
3. All shop concentration groups pick up material at County to cover 10 key shops in borough

CLIP THIS AND SAVE

How the Hartley Bill Would Work



What Price Palaver: President Truman and his Cabinet met the other day to discuss high prices. Of course, they didn't decide on anything to cut 'em, but aren't you grateful for their interest? Outside the White House after the meeting (left to right) are Commerce Secretary Harriman, Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Agriculture Secretary Clinton P. Anderson.

HIGH PRICES MAY JUSTIFY WAGE RISE, TRUMAN ADMITS

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Truman conceded to newsmen today that continuation of the climb

of prices will justify labor's wage demands. He complained that the anti-trust law is an obstacle to bringing prices down.

He based his claim on the view that it is impossible to arrange a cut in prices by competing companies because the Supreme Court has held that such action would be just as much a violation of the law as arranged price increases.

So far, Mr. Truman saw only moral suasion as a weapon to bring prices down. Attorney General Tom Clark, he said, was examining the law to see whether there aren't ways to get around it.

HITS REPUBLICANS

He added that he had no intention of asking Congress to restore price control, but lashed out sharply at Republicans for killing OPA last year.

Truman's views presumably reflected yesterday's cabinet discussion of the price problem.

The President also said that reports show profits were very great in the last 12 months and will justify a wage demand if prices don't come down. But he frowned upon suggestions to tax abnormal profits. He said Congress repealed the excess profits tax to help business and hoped that business would show appreciation through voluntary price reductions.

The President also frowned upon a buyers' strike. But he added that large groups of consumers are not buying simply because they do not have money.

SEES ROUGH SLEDDING

Regarding labor relations, he said that for two years he sought a fair deal for labor and management, but saw the continuance of high prices as the cause of most difficulties. He made no reference to the tough anti-labor bills now before Congress.

The President said he is still convinced that there is no need for a recession, but declined to predict whether the expected slump will be avoided.

By George Morris

The House Labor Committee's omnibus bill would do more than scrap the Wagner Act; it would restore the old open shop days. But in a far worse form. This Hartley bill would take our country back a century to the "conspiracy doctrine," under which "combination and conspiracy to raise wages" was viewed in the courts as a crime.

Those who speculated that Republicans would think more of their 1948 prospects than of the Big Business hunger for drastic anti-labor legislation, need waste no more thought upon such illusions. It will take all the vigor labor can muster in the few days left to stay the hand of union-busters in Congress.

UNION SHOPS OUT

Under the bill the closed shop is banned. The union shop, which provides that employees must join the union after a specified period of employment, is still permitted, provided: first, the employer is kind enough to agree to it voluntarily; and, second, that a majority of all the employees in a plant, union and non-union, agree to it by a secret vote. And, just to make trebly sure, workers are barred from making the union shop or any union security a strike demand.

Lest you think maintenance of membership would still be allowed, that, too, is subject to "voluntary" agreement by management. Only one kind of a contract is fully legal—the open shop contract. The system of company unionism, labor spy agencies, would be back in business as in the "good old" twenties.

BREAKUP OF UNIONS

Industrywide bargaining goes out of the window. Negotiations could cover only one company at a time and one plant at a time. More than one plant of different employers could be included within a 50-mile area provided none of the plants employs more than 100 workers.

This meets the demand of the

National Association of Manufacturers for a breakup of the large unions. In the case of the mine union, for example, negotiations would have to be separate for almost every mine.

Competition to cut wages would be greatly stimulated.

An "anti-trust" provision would guarantee against any action or direction from national unions even to coordinate the fight of the locals. Such "combination and conspiracy" would be prosecuted as restraint of interstate commerce. Any nationwide union action would be henceforth termed a "monopoly."

INJUNCTIONS

Injunctions to break or block strikes would be provided in any condition which the Attorney General decided "threatened trade, traffic, transportation, communication or other commerce." Also, if there is a threat to "public health, safety or welfare." That covers just about everything, with the possible exception of such fields as artificial flower-making and stamp-collecting. The old strikebreaking injunction would not only be back; it would be specifically endorsed by federal law. The Norris-LaGuardia Act would be killed.

The National Labor Relations Board would be scrapped, just as the Wagner Act, in effect, is scrapped by the other provisions. A labor-management board, subject to Senate ratification, would replace it. This board would no longer be guided by the doctrine that labor's rights must be protected. The doctrine that management must be protected from "labor monopolies" and "unfair" practices by labor, would be the rule.

A cool-off of 30 days would be mandatory before a strike is called, provided the strike has already been authorized by a majority of all worker in the plant—union and non-union—and after what is deemed the employer's "last offer" is made public. This, favors a chain of delaying tactics that could run into months and could virtually hamstring labor's maneuvering ability.

Mass picketing or any effective strike activity would be banned on the ground that all a union has to do when it walks out is just give "reasonable notice" of the "existence of a labor dispute."

LABOR UNITY OUTLAWED

Sympathy, jurisdictional or secondary boycotts and sitdowns would be deemed "unfair" labor practice and unlawful. Thus a strike against a company with a company union contract would be a jurisdictional dispute. So would support for strikers in a related plant or industry be unlawful.

Employers could sue unions for damages. Provocateurs and spies to create the cause for such treasury-busting suits would become greatly in demand for the revived labor-spy racket.

Whatever rights might still be left under the new law would

be lost to workers where violations could be shown. The employer would have a great incentive for use of spies to "prove" violations.

NO WELFARE FUND

Payment of royalties into a health and welfare fund such as exists in the coal mining industry, would be outlawed.

The right of foremen to be unionized, despite the recent Supreme Court ruling upholding their right to do so, would be outlawed.

Fearful that there might still be a spark of fight left in the labor union, the Hartley Bill establishes thought control for unions if they are to be entitled to collective bargaining "rights." Unions are ordered to expel Communists or those who are "actively and insistently supporting the policies, teaching and doctrines" of the Communist Party. No union should be certified for bargaining if "one or more of its officers falls under that description."

Then just to have a tight legal hold on a union's affairs, they'll require them to register their membership with the Federal government and file financial reports.

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Friday, April 11th, 1947, is the deadline for all greeting ads both from individuals and from organizations for the special May Day edition of THE WORKER which will be published on April 27, 1947.

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for all commercial and affairs display ads for the special May Day edition of THE WORKER (April 27, 1947), is noon Wednesday, April 16, 1947—one week before the normal deadline. The deadline for all What's On, Classified and School and Instruction ads is Friday, April 18th, at noon.

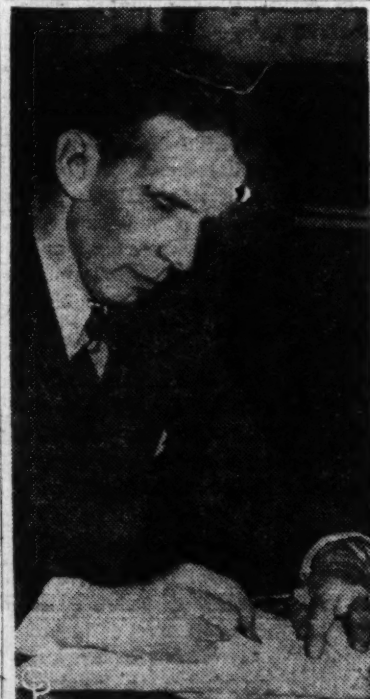
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DAYS LEFT

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to JERRY on the untimely death of his sister.
—Beverly Club.



NEW JERSEY'S Governor Alfred E. Driscoll is shown signing the "slave law" requiring phone strikers in his state to return to work or face fines and jail terms. Strikers have defied the bill.

ROUTE FOR MAY DAY PARADE ANNOUNCED

The United May Day Committee yesterday released the official route of the Parade in New York City and the official May Day Proclamation addressed to all trade unions and community organizations.

Officers of the Committee, including officials of both AFL and CIO unions, predicted the largest, most colorful Parade in history as unions and community organizations pledged to fill quotas which will swell the number of marchers to 100,000.

Public officials have been sent

invitations to review the parade as it enters Union Square, the terminus.

Contingents will mobilized in two sections, the first from 53rd St. to 56th St. and the second from 36th St. to 39th St. West of 8th Avenue, and will proceed down 8th Avenue through the heart of the City to 17th St. and then turn East into the North Plaza of Union Square where a reviewing stand will be erected. Starting time is 1:30 p.m. for the first contingent led by members of the Committee.

Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer, AFL Painters' District Council 9, and Rocco Franceschini, secretary-treasurer, CIO Shoe Workers Joint Council 13, are co-chairmen of the United May Day Committee and will serve as Grand Marshal of the Parade. Other Marshals will include Paul Robeson and Howard Fast, chairman of the May Day Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Hundreds of organizations, are busy preparing colorful floats and banners.



WASHINGTON NOTES

TRANSCRIPT PROVES PLOT TO GET DENNIS

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED and read a fascinating drama. It is the transcript of the proceedings of the House Un-American Committee when Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, appeared before it in an unsuccessful effort to present his Party's views on pending anti-Communist legislation.

Present at that hearing, I reported it for the *Daily Worker*. I wrote that Dennis was blocked from presenting that testimony. My story quoted Dennis to the effect that the outcome of that hearing was "a deliberate plot" to prevent his testifying.

The commercial press reported the event differently. The big dailies made it appear that the Communist leader entered the hearing room in a truculent mood, defied the committee, and quite unreasonably refused to answer a few simple questions.

The transcript proves the *Daily Worker* was right, the big dailies wrong.

IT SHOWS that from the moment Dennis was sworn in, the questions as posed by the former Dies Committee agent, Robert Stripling, were not designed to elicit information or opinion on the Rankin and Sheppard bills for which the hearings were ostensibly called. On the contrary, the whole aim emerged as laying the basis either for criminal proceedings against Dennis (if that proved possible) or at least smearing him in newspapers in which the Un-Americans, and not Dennis, would have the last word.

Stripling demanded to know by what other names Dennis had been known. Dennis replied that the question was irrelevant and immaterial.

Mr. Stripling: Mr. Chairman, it is necessary that the witness state his real name.

Mr. Dennis: Mr. Chairman, the underling, this secretary, does not dictate what I say or don't say. I am under oath and I am going to give the truth.

(After several minutes of this, the chairman, indicated why the committee pursued this line of questioning.)

The Chairman: Did you ever take out a passport in the name of Eugene Dennis?

Mr. Dennis: I may have or may not have taken out a passport under X, Y or Z, but that has no bearing, Mr. Thomas, on my testimony.

AT THIS POINT the transcript indicates very clearly that Dennis was prepared to answer that question, that he had—as later developments showed—nothing to hide on this score. But he did object to diverting the hearing from the main business of anti-Communist legislation to extrane-

ous and irrelevant matters.

The Chairman: You are not responsive to the question. I asked you whether you have ever taken out a passport in the name of Eugene Dennis.

Mr. Dennis: Mr. Thomas, if I answer that question, may I proceed with my prepared testimony?

(The chairman, who himself changed his name from J. Parnell Feeney to J. Parnell Thomas, weakened and was evidently prepared to have done with a discussion which might prove embarrassing to him.)

The Chairman: As soon as we identify you, you can proceed with—you can proceed for those two hours.

Mr. Dennis: May I proceed if I answer that question, Mr. Thomas?

(But Stripling, in a tizzy intervened.)

Mr. Stripling: Mr. Chairman, I don't think the witness' testimony should be predicated upon whether he answers that question. He must identify himself.

(**STRIPLING** carried his point with the committee and the questioning of Dennis on extraneous issues continued. The reason soon became apparent.)

The Chairman: I hope the witness will be responsive to these questions, because it will become very evident in a few minutes why Mr. Stripling is asking the question.

Mr. Dennis: I see . . . I came here to present testimony. I insist that I be allowed to give this testimony.

Mr. Stripling: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out to the committee that there is considerable evidence to the effect that Mr. Dennis has used a number of names; both in the procurement of fraudulent passports and in his Party activities. . . .

(The plot was now in the open. The committee was seeking basis for criminal action against the working class leader.)

The Chairman: When and where were you born, Mr. Dennis?

Mr. Dennis: Mr. Chairman, did you ask that question of any other witness?

The Chairman: We are asking it of you. Never mind whether we asked it of other witnesses.

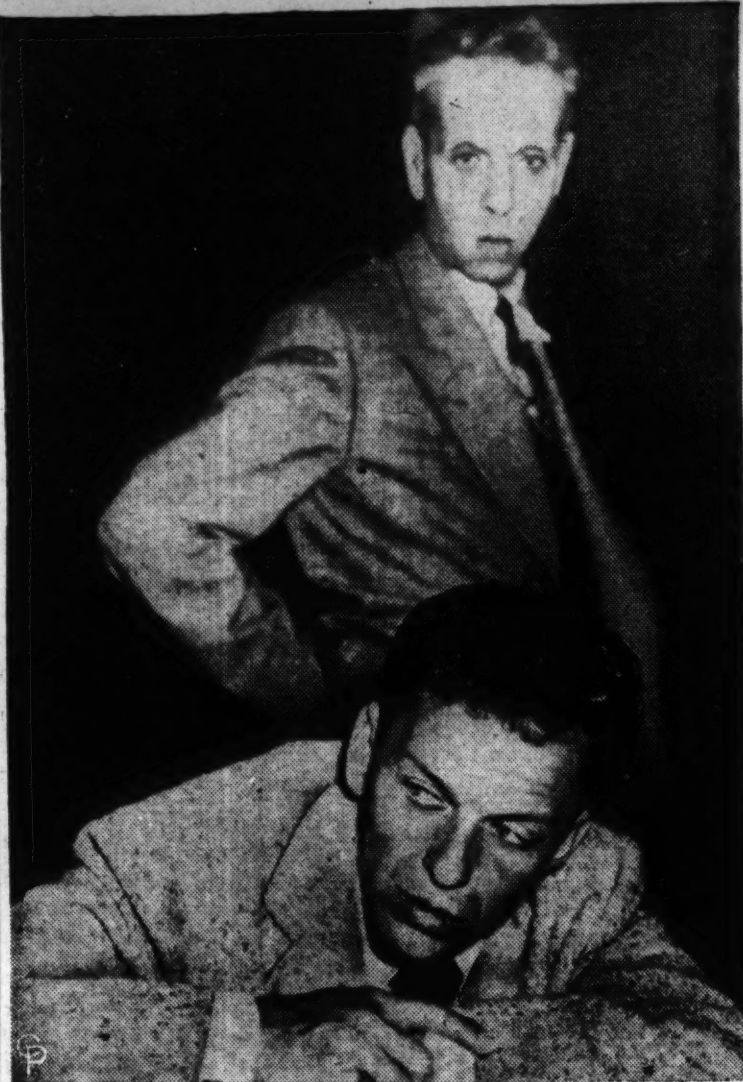
(Dennis no longer attempted to conceal his contempt for the Un-Americans.)

Mr. Dennis: Let me answer. The color of my hair is gray; the color of my eyes is blue. . . .

The Chairman: Serve a subpoena on this man and he is through for the day. (The subpoena was there, already typed, sealed and signed.)

Mr. Dennis: Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the American people I hold this committee in contempt.

(And that about sums it up for all of us.)



He Called Sinatra 'Dago': Hearst columnist Lee Mortimer (standing) glowers at Frank Sinatra as the two appear in a Beverly Hills court. The Hearstling charged battery by the crooner. Sinatra, asking for a jury trial, has claimed Mortimer insulted him, called him a "Dago." Ruckus took place in a Hollywood nightclub. Sinatra, staunch fighter against discrimination, has frequently been the target of the tory press.

In the Negro Press

THE VOID LEFT BY F.D.R.

By John Hudson Jones

EBONY RECALLS THE "... unrestrained tears and shocked silence as thousands of Washington Negroes . . . stood in hushed tribute . . ." during the funeral procession of FDR. "But if Negroes two years ago felt keenly the enormous void left by the passing of the Father of the New Deal, today they are vastly more aware of their loss. . . ."

"Slowly and with a disheartening certainty, the many gains chalked up by Negro America during 12 years of the Roosevelt administration are being whittled away."

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE warns "There is a depression coming to Harlem." And it sees it as "part of the current . . . red-scare and war hysteria now being whipped up . . ." by President Truman, his poll-taxers and GOP buddies. The increasing thousands of unemployed citizens in Harlem . . . are but the advance guard of many millions of American workers who will soon be haunting the employment agencies and standing in the breadlines."

THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE calls upon Detroit's Negro voters to back attorney C. R. A. Smith for the judgeship of the Record-Courier. "We firmly believe that the very presence of a Negro in the high councils of government is a salutary thing. He becomes a living symbol of our stake in America, of the part we play in the life of our great country. The Chronicle sees Negroes today being . . . challenged more than at any other period in our history." It warns that "racketeers of hate" would . . . gloat over our failure to measure up, our failure to act in our own best interests."

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER columnist Charley Cherokee says "Communists sure must be supermen. There ain't but 80,000 of 'em but they got our . . . President, Congress, and the FBI all in a tizzel . . . and you'd think Stalin has nothing to do but give neurotic U. S. officials the hot foot."

THE AMSTERDAM NEWS columnist Lester Granger is "furious" because the incoming com-

ments on his last week's column on Communism are "ill-informed." That is quite possible and Granger is no exception when he gets the Russian state mixed up with the American Communist Party and the CP mixed up with the American Labor Party. "The Negro American who wants to live in a democratic state cannot with honesty and logic support the objectives of the Communist Party." He doesn't bother to specify what he considers are CP "objectives," or what they would mean to American Negroes.

"Men live by freedom," he says. "Under a dictatorship they do not live, but only exist." He finds however that "One basic difference between the Russian state and the United States is to our discredit . . . the Russians practice what they preach, while we do not." Accepting Granger's dictum that all Communists are alike, then an American Communist government would practice what it preaches too. "Complete equality for the Negro people . . . death to lynchers . . . no job discrimination . . . equal education . . . racial prejudice is a crime against humanity."

THE NEGRO DIGEST writer Fannie Cook finds that "The maid who rushed into the factory a few years ago has not rushed back to the kitchen. . . . She has learned to be a union member . . . and enjoyed working with other girls. . . . She values social security protection and wants to keep it. She likes having her duties and rewards clearly stated, likes having her hours coincide with those of other workers."

WORTH REPEATING

"The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitutions of governments. But the Constitution which at any time exists, 'till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all.'" George Washington, *Farewell Address to the Revolutionary Army in 1796.*

— Press Roundup —

Times Blames All But Big Biz For Inflation

THE TIMES claims "certainly business is not mainly responsible for the present high level of the cost of living. . . ." Apparently some one is twisting the arm off the monopolies to keep their prices up. Eventually the *Times* gets around to its usual villain—labor. It demands that the administration "make clear the intimate relationship between mounting wages and mounting prices." The *Times* is never fazed by facts such as the drop in real wages since the war and the rise in corporation profits.

THE JOURNAL OF AMERICAN columnist Paul Mallon recommends the Virginia and Indiana pattern where strikers are punished by "fines of \$10 to \$1,000 and up to 12 months in jail. . . ."

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM tells Congress to go ahead with anti-labor bills: "The union leaders, of course, will cry as usual that everything in the bills is unfair, unworkable and evil. Congress can afford to discount what they say."

THE DAILY MIRROR commends Arthur Krock of the *Times*, for boosting the Indiana and Virginia laws, the heart of which "is compulsory arbitration." Hearst's tabloid also lauds the New Jersey experiment in slavery and concludes with a demand for legislation "to halt strikes by injunction."

THE SUN's David Lawrence needles the GOP to outlaw the union shop as well as the closed shop.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Walter Lippmann says the Truman Doctrine means "intervention in the internal affairs of Greece. But what is the use of pretending that we are not intervening while in fact everybody knows that we are intervening? To support one side in a civil war is intervention. It is, however, an odious form of intervention." Lippmann would dispense with hypocrisy and admit this is an attempt to secure bases to get at the "heart of Russia."

THE POST's Samuel Grafton notes that "we are in moral trouble. . . . Mr. Truman says the Greek Government has the support of 85 percent of the parliament recently elected. But there are pretty good estimates that, because of left abstentions, intimidation in rural districts, etc., the government represents, at most, half the people." Calling it a Truman Doctrine sounds like "a hundred years of self-deception. . . . The comparison with the Monroe Doctrine is pitiful, for the Monroe Doctrine really kept European kings from interfering with real American republics, and it did not start by making the astounding assertion that black must henceforth and forever be firmly considered to be white."

PM's Max Lerner sees a major lesson of the Lillenthal confirmation that American liberals can "dissociate themselves completely from the Communists. . . ."

THE NEWS likes Baruch and proposes "let us keep stockpiling atom bombs as fast as we can."



The Lillenthals Relax Now: David E. Lillenthal and his wife appear relaxed and happy on hearing that the Senate confirmed him as chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission by a vote of 50 to 31. Reactionaries battled for 11 weeks against the Lillenthal appointment.

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The Gloves Are Off

WELL, ladies and gentlemen of America who have to work for a living, the gloves are off, and the brass knuckles are out in the open.

Ready for use.

Ready for you.

Take a look at the GOP-sponsored "curb labor" bills now authored by Rep. Fred Hartley (R-NJ) and Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio). Just please read the ugly, brutal details of the proposed bills as they are analyzed elsewhere in this paper by our labor editor.

These bills are intended to turn you—if you work for a living—into a helpless, sweated, terrorized automation surrounded by a thousand gags and restrictions. You'll have to take orders from the boss—and like it. You'll have to tell the boss what your political views are—and if he doesn't like them, you're fired.

In every sense of the word these are slave bills.

They wipe out every bit of progress labor has won in a century of struggle. They take America back to the Dark Ages of ruthless exploitation in the factories.

And they are being offered by a little gang of Tories who are trying to cover up their crimes with an accompanying "Red menace" fake of enormous proportions.

In fact, the "Communist issue" has now been hurled into the very midst of labor's ranks. The GOP bills provide that no union can have any bargaining rights if the employer snarls "Communist" at any union official.

This brings out into the open the REAL goal of the "Red menace" stupidities and falsehoods. That goal is to smash up the economic protections which American workers have painfully achieved, and turn labor to accept a bread-and-water diet and hell-hole working conditions.

Does the labor movement need anything else to convince it that a corporation-minded Murder, Inc., is out to do a job on it?

Is anything else needed to persuade the union men of the nation that unity, joint action, and mutual help are badly needed right now in face of the common enemy?

In scores of cities, joint action committees of AFL and CIO have been formally set up. They've got their work cut out for them now, and no mistake. In every city, such action is needed.

This Sunday, a national conference of the CIO highlights the Defend Labor Month. It meets in Washington. It will launch a nationwide "Go-after-your-Congressman-campaign."

The ingenuity of labor and its resourcefulness are challenged. Now is the time for action. Read those bills. They will rouse your determination to fight, as nothing else will.

A Great Achievement

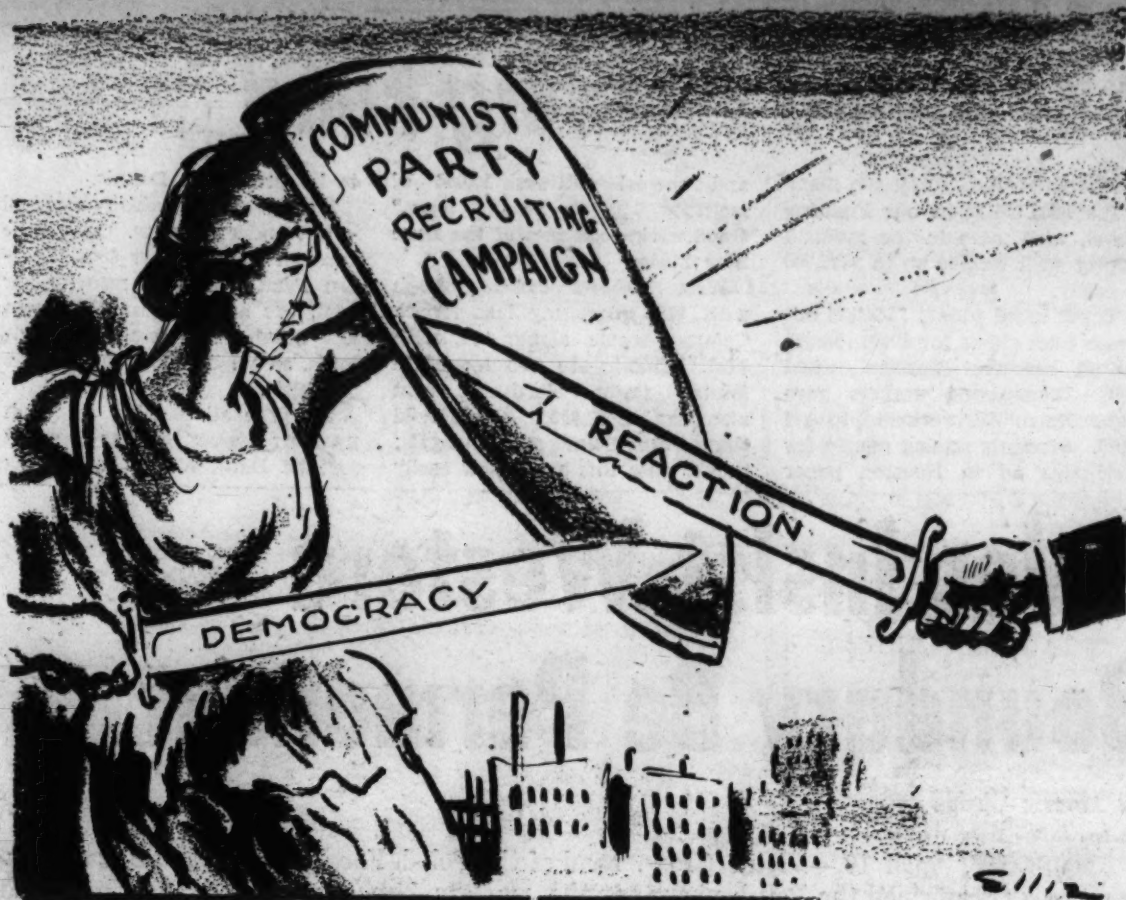
IT'S A great day for sport.

The first Negro ballplayer has been picked for a major league spot. Jackie Robinson will put 'em out at first base from now on for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

We congratulate Branch Rickey's team and its management for this historic demonstration that the fight for Americanism, for racial equality, goes forward.

We're proud that our sports page and its editors, Lester Rodney and Bill Mardo, who fought the good fight in this cause, pioneered in it, really helped get the ball rolling.

Now, of course, the fight has to go on to get many more of our qualified Negro ballplayers into the big leagues.



Letters From Our Readers

Answer to
PM's Editor

Rochester, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

PM's editor, John P. Lewis, says in comment on the anti-Communist hysteria, "We do not want the Democrats and Republicans to rob the American people of their political freedom—as the Communists rob the Russians—by banning dissenting parties."

In answering a criticism of himself, by the renegade Richard Rovere, for outraging the sacred principle of individual liberty in saying kind words for Soviet collective objectives, Prof. Matthiesen of Yale asserted that there was no effective freedom except on at least a minimum basis of economic equality, and that the stock image of the individual as embraced in the recent Rovere perspective was an isolated, private person, a law unto himself, instead of a cooperative member of a functional group.

That the Russian philosophy of social organization has such a cooperative basis in principle of economic freedom, making secondary the political form, whose primary inadequacy has brought western civilization to the point of ruinous crisis, finds in the essentially illiberal, journalistic moralism of a Lewis only cynical contempt.

In his abstract dogmatism let Lewis ponder the Gallup Poll recently dwelt upon by his writer Deutsch showing that only one-third of the qualified U.S. electorate bothered to vote in the crucial 1946 election. Let him ponder the fact of a smaller percentage voting today than 50 or 100 years ago and Gallup's comment as to the incredibly low-plane party campaigning of the American manner.

J. L. B.

Urges Recordings Of Dennis Rally Talks

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

I urge the circulation of the addresses made by Councilmen Davis and Cacchione, who co-chaired the recent Dennis rally at the St. Nicholas arena.

Recordings should be made and radio time engaged for national distribution of these compelling analyses of present events.

The public is disgusted with the fanatical rantings of the big press and propaganda salesmen.

EX-CAPTAIN

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

RECOMMENDED BY MUNDT

By George Morris

CONGRESSMAN KARL E. MUNDT of South Dakota, member of the Un-American Committee, was able to think of nothing better to recommend to his radio listeners than the literature put out by the Chamber of Commerce.

In his Tuesday night broadcast, supposedly in reply to the speech of Eugene Dennis the night before, he said "there is one thing more which you can do, right now, tonight. You can send a dollar bill to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce here in Washington and order the two new documentary booklets recently published."

Mundt refers to the "Communists within the Labor Movement" from which this writer quoted extensively in last Sunday's Worker and the "Communists within the Government" which will be dealt with in equal detail in next Sunday's Worker. We have recommended those pamphlets long before Mundt plugged them over the radio.

THE CHAMBER hasn't an original lie in the pamphlets—nothing that you haven't seen rehashed a thousand times in the daily press. But the Chamber's frank admission of its own directing hand of internal disruption in the trade unions, far outweighs the lies.

Communists Within the Labor Movement, is a manual for employer pets in the shop for step-by-step procedure to inject factional disruption into a union, and get its members to cut each other's throat over "Communism." The pamphlet recommended by Mundt also explains how company pets could make use of "groups such as Socialists and Social Democrats and non-Stalinist Communist groups" for this noble work. Also how it is necessary to overlook such troublesome matters as grievances and higher wages in the interest of the common fight against "Communism."

The pamphlet should prove a handy reference to the sincere union leader who wants to keep his organization united and effective. When disruption begins in the name of "anti-Communism" just consult the handbook and you'll see who is pulling the strings. Then take it before a local union meeting and read its instructions to all the members know where the red-baiters get

their orders. The pamphlet should also prove useful because it takes the red-baiters step-by-step up to the point of secession. And it is very handy to have around where the union has some blubbermouth for an officer who always stinks up meetings with red-baiting so as to scare away charges that he is neglecting grievances and other duties.

NO. MR. MUNDT, your Chamber of Commerce literature doesn't worry us. We will make the most of it to show up the big lie of "outside interference" that you and your kind have directed against the Communist Party.

We now have the undisputed proof that it is Big Business, through its Chamber that is directing the red-baiting cliques in unions for the express purpose of disrupting organizations from inside and rendering them ineffective.

The Chamber's technique is a modern development of the labor-spy system. The ratty-faced sneaks who were paid off by industrial spy agencies of the past now mask themselves as "anti-Communists," "patriots," "Trotzkites," "Socialists," "Social Democrats" and "Association of Catholic Trade Unionists." For the Chamber, one reason is as good as another, just so a wedge is developed through which the ranks of the workers could be divided.

AS FOR Mundt, he is not only a spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce, but he has been a contributor to Scribner's Commentator, a magazine which his own Un-American Committee listed as a native fascist organ. It takes a lot of gall for that kind of a person to speak for Americanism.

And this man, knowing well how he and his crowd are vulnerable to the charge of fascism, called upon his listeners Tuesday "to join in this crusade against the enemies of Christianity" and warned them that if they do they "will be called 'red-baiters,' 'Hitlerite,' 'anti-Semitic' and 'Fascists.'" Mundt certainly talks like a man with a guilty conscience.

In Germany and Italy that kind of talk is understood better. It is the familiar cry of those who are covering up Nazis and Fascists. You see, we in America have not gone through the experience of denazification.

\$275,000 Fighting Fund in Sight as Drive Winds Up

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

It's \$260,155.32 in our Fighting Fund, with more in the mail. I expect we'll receive up to \$275,000—easily.

Texas wired today: "Mailed defense fund check for \$250. Negro cotton compress workers raised \$35. Unemployed workers gave \$10. Negro oil workers pledged \$100. Students raising money for half-page ad in Houston paper

and special editions 10,000 of monthly paper—Texas Spur." Good work, comrades of the Lone Star State.

West Virginia came through with \$150 since my last report. Colorado came along, too, with \$425. Thanks—to two mountain mining states. Northwest sent along another \$500. Can't hold those Puget Sound guys and gals; they'll raise this quota now easily

to honor Eugene Dennis.

Michigan is practically finished—just under the wire. Ohio came through with another \$800. Eastern Pennsylvania is nearing her goal, are are Indiana, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. We are not landlords, so we can life our ceilings sky high.

We urge all districts to finish up their quotas to clear the way for the Daily Worker and Party

fund drives. Money is good, but only for what it can do; to build our Party and our press, to publicize our principles and program, to defend the rights of our Party and the people.

Here's a wonderful letter from a little girl in Massachusetts:

"Dear Elizabeth:
"I heard my family talking

about how the Party needs money. I also want to do my part. I am sending you my stamp book.

"Your friend,
"JOAN GARFIELD."

She is seven years old and her contribution was worth \$10. That's the voice of the coming generation—the ones we're fighting for.

Poles Insist Western Boundary Be Permanent

By Morris Childs

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, April 10.—Victor Grosz, head of the Polish Foreign Ministry press department, today reaffirmed the Polish view that the western boundary decided at Yalta and Potsdam "should be a permanent one." In a press interview at the Polish embassy here

General Grosz said the Allied Control Council itself had provided for the transfer of German population from these territories. This was carried out, he said, a total of 4,400,000 Poles moved in, and only 500,000 Germans remained. This proves, Grosz declared, that the signatories at Potsdam had in mind a permanent solution.

The General added that the posi-

tion of the United States and Great Britain for revision of Poland's territory meant a political death sentence for the opposition, led by Mikolaczak.

"CHANGE A MOCKERY"

"Mikolaczak's party was already in political agony and yesterday's statements of Marshall and Bevin were, as the French would say, a political coup de grace," he stated. Even the 27 members of Parliament belonging to Mikolaczak's party are now split, said General Grosz.

To cede territory to Germany, said Gen. Grosz mean that the Poles will pay reparations to the Germans.

POSSIBLE AGGRESSION

Another question asked was whether Poland would defend these territories by force of arms.

General Grosz asked the question: This presupposes that someone may try to take these territories. Who is this aggressor? The questioner said he had no particular country in mind. General Grosz said that if the Germans would try to take this territory, the Poles

would resist by every means.

"The Germans," he said, "will not be satisfied by small territorial cessions. Already some Germans are speaking about the territories between the Oder and Vistula." The clearer the allies' position toward Germany the less the support for German chauvinism, he explained.

He added that demilitarization, denazification and democratization are the answer to German chauvinism.

FRONTIER PROBLEMS

General Grosz answered a question on the attitude of Poland towards the Commission to Study Frontier Problems. He didn't think it was necessary, but Poland would always support any unanimous decision of the big powers. As for the commission to take charge of the economy in Western Polish territories, General Grosz replied that the Polish attitude would be the same as that of the United States if such a proposal were made concerning that country.

Before he concluded, Grosz acknowledged that Poland had received support in its reconstruction from the Soviet Union and also from UNRRA. He said that the Poles will always be grateful for this extensive aid during the most difficult period.

He reiterated that Molotov's statement at the Conference of Foreign Ministers yesterday made a great impression on Poland. The Poles "never doubted that we would have the full support of the Soviet government."

The territory in the west will help stabilize all European economy. In a couple of years the Poles will be able to export food to all Europe and Germany, too. But nations that were victims of German aggression are first to deserve such economic assistance.

India Fears U. S. 'Aid'

Indian sources said yesterday that the United States plans military "aid" in India on the Greek-Turkey model, after the British withdraw in June, 1948.

Anglo-Indian Army talks were joined by the United States, according to a United Press report from London, quoting Indian sources. The same alleged "Communist menace" would be used as the reason for military intervention in India as in Greece and Turkey.

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11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson
 WNBC-Fred Waring Show
 WJZ-Breakfast with Breneman
 WCBP-Arthur Godfrey
 WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
 11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
 WOR-Easy Does It, Music
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
 WQXR-Musical Personalities
 11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
 WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
 WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
 WCBP-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
 WOR-Home Edition-News
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
 WCBP-News; Kate Smith's Chat
 WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
 12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
 WOR-Checkboard Jamboree
 WCBP-Aunt Jenny's Stories
 12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNeill, Talk
 WOR-News; So This Is Love
 WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
 WCBP-Helen Trent
 12:45-WNBC-Show Tunes
 WCBP-Our Gal Sunday
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
 WOR-Better Half Matinee
 WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
 WCBP-Big Sister-Sketch
 WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
 1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
 WCBP-Ma Perkins-Sketch
 1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
 WJZ-Galen Drake
 WCBP-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
 1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
 WOR-The Answer Man
 WCBP-Road of Life-Sketch
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
 WOR-Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ-Kiernan's Corner
 WCBP-Second Mrs. Burton
 WQXR-News; Program Favorites
 2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
 WJZ-The Women's Exchange
 WCBP-Perry Mason-Sketch
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
 WOR-Queen for a Day
 WJZ-Bride and Groom
 WCBP-Lone Journey-Sketch
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
 2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Talk
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World
 WCBP-Rose of My Dreams
 WQXR-Music Memory Game
 3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
 WOR-Martha Deane Program
 WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
 WCBP-Bouquet for You
 WQXR-News; Recent Release
 3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
 WOR-Rambling with Gambling
 WJZ-Pat Barnes, Talk
 WCBP-Winner Take All
 3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
 WJZ-Studio Tour
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife-Sketch
 WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
 WJZ-House Party
 WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
 4:25-WCBP-News Reports
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones
 WOR-Uncle Don
 WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
 WCBP-Hollywood Jackpot
 4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown
 WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
 WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
 WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
 WCBP-School of the Air
 WQXR-News; Today in Music
 5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
 WOR-Superman
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
 WOR-Captain Midnight
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong
 WCBP-Treasury Bandstand
 5:45-WNBC-Front-Page Farrell
 WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch
 WCBP-Secretary of Interior, Julius Krug

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News; Serenade to America
 WOR-George C. Putnam, News
 WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
 WCBP-News; Eric Seward
 WQXR-News; Music to Remember
 6:15-WOR-On the Century-Interviews
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert
 WCBP-Report from Washington
 6:30-WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
 WJZ-Allen Prescott
 WCBP-Sports-Red Barber
 WQXR-Dinner Concert
 6:40-WNBC-Sports; Bill Stern
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
 WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
 WJZ-Ed and Peggen Fitzgerald
 WCBP-Robert Trout, News
 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
 WJZ-Headline Edition
 WCBP-Mystery of the Week
 WQXR-News; Concert Stage
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World
 WOR-The Answer Man
 WJZ-Elmer Davis
 WCBP-Jack Smith Show
 7:30-WNBC-Harry Wood Show
 WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
 WOR-Henry J. Taylor
 WJZ-The Lone Ranger
 WCBP-Sound Off-Warner Orchestra
 WQXR-String Orchestra
 7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
 WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
 8:00-WNBC-Highway in Melody; Mac Morgan, Bartone; Paul Lavalle Orchestra
 WOR-Burl Ives, Songs
 WJZ-Fat Man-Sketch
 WCBP-Baby Snooks Show
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
 8:15-WOR-Memorable Moments
 8:30-WOR-Leave It to the Girls
 WNBC-Alan Young Show
 WJZ-This Is Your FBI
 WCBP-Adventures of the Thin Man
 8:55-WCBP-Bill Henry, News
 9:00-WNBC-People Are Funny
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter
 WJZ-Break the Bank-Quiz
 WCBP-Ginny Simms Show
 WQXR-News; Concert Hall
 9:15-WOR-Real Stories
 9:30-WNBC-Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
 WOR-Bulldog Drummond-Play
 WJZ-The Sheriff-Play
 WCBP-Durante, Moore Show

WQXR-Designs in Harmony
 9:45-WQXR-Great Names
 9:55-WJZ-Harry Wisner-Sports
 10:00-WOR-Meet the Press
 WNBC-Mystery Theatre
 WJZ-Boxing Bout
 WCBP-It Pays to be Ignorant
 WQXR-Nights in Latin America, with Pru Devon
 10:30-WNBC-Bill Stern, Sports
 WOR-The Symphonic Orchestra
 WCBP-Play-My Friend Irma, with Marie Wilson
 WQXR-The Showcase
 10:45-WNBC-To Be Announced

11:00-WNBC-News; Music
 11:15-WQXR-Hour of Symphony
 WOR-News; Dance Music
 WJZ-WCBS-News; Music
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hour
 11:30-WNBC-World's Great Novels
 12:00-WNBC, WCBP-News; Music
 WOR, WJZ-News; Music
 WQXR-News Reports
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 1:00-Missing Persons Alarms
 1:05-City News Summary
 1:15-Classics in Jazz, Jack Lazare
 1:55-News Summary
 2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
 2:05-Opera Matinee, "Faust" by Gounod
 3:55-News Summary

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4:00-Four Strings at Four, "Trio in D Minor" by Mendelssohn
 4:55-News Summary
 5:00-Music for Young People, Song Stories by Jane Toivonen
 5:30-Songs at Eventide, Elsa Drause, Soprano, "The Lark" by Rubinstein
 5:46-"Week-End in New York" What to do in New York over the week-end, with Lily Supove. Guest: Shirley Rich, on the staff of American National Theatre and Academy
 5:55-News Summary
 6:00-Sports for New Yorkers with Maurice Taschay
 6:15-American Citizenship Series, R. B. Scandrett, "Post-War Population and Immigration"

6:30-Folksinger, Margo Mayo Group
 6:45-U. S. Weather Report, USES
 "Help Want Ad Column of the Air"
 6:55-News Summary
 7:00-Masterwork Hour, Sir Adrian Boult conducting, "Enigma Variations" by Elgar
 7:55-News Summary
 8:00-"Her 3 to Vets"
 8:15-Folksongs for the Seven Million, Elaine Lambert Lewis
 8:30-Ju 1 rd String Quartet
 9:30-Municipal Concert Hall, Contemporary Czech Music
 9:55-News Summary
 10:00-FM ONLY, The City Hour of Music and News
 10:55-FM ONLY, Final News Summary and Sign-off

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SPORTS

In this corner

'Robinson's a Dodger,'
The Guy Said

By Bill Mardo

IT WAS 3:13 on the big scoreboard clock at Ebbets Field. Montreal was coming to bat in the top of the sixth and I had just spilled a container of coffee across my typewriter. Les Rodney, seated alongside me, mumbled something that vaguely sounded like "sloppy" and I was ready to rub his nose into my wet copypaper when one of the scribes walked behind our chairs, tapped me on the shoulder and said simply: "Robinson's a Dodger." The words hung like that in mid-air. And then that mad dash to the other end of the press coop where someone was handing out small slips of paper which bore a single sentence: "The Brooklyn Dodgers today purchased the contract of Jackie Roosevelt Robinson from the Montreal Royals. Signed—Branch Rickey."

What's there to say? Good people everywhere fight and fight and fight for a bit of progress, then they win, and all of a sudden the words are stuck in your throat. You feel elated in a strangely quiet way. You sit down at your typewriter and if words don't come at least the thoughts are there. In that funny, relaxed way.

You think of a sweet guy out in California. And if he's had a rough time with his health the past two years you know that nothing, absolutely nothing, will bring him along quicker than news of his friend who has just become a Dodger. Yes, Nat Low must be awfully happy today.

You think of Branch Rickey, a man whose many-sided personality is one of the most unique things in sports. A practical business man with a knowledge of baseball that nobody else can match. A man who, once convinced that Negroes in big league baseball was some day inevitable, yielded to the popular demands of Brooklyn fans, and, once he took the plunge, never faltered again.

He has earned the respect of decent citizens everywhere who want to know not of a man's color but of his ability and his fundamental rights as a human being.

OH, THERE'S so much you think of on a day like this. Your mind flits back to the day you first met Jackie Robinson and the pretty little girl who was soon to become his wife. And you remember Jackie's words just 48 hours after he'd been signed to a Montreal contract. "I only hope that some day I can do some of the same good that Joe Louis has." And the pretty, quiet girl looked on with shining eyes.

And a half-year later . . . on a neat, sunbaked ballfield in Sanford, Florida, you and many other writers swarm around a Negro infielder as he comes out in Montreal uniform for the first time. The pleasant ease with which he handles himself, despite the terrific pressure which must feel like an anchor around his neck.

You remember him stepping into the batting cage, all eyes on him, the sure swing of his bat and one thing you'll never forget. How on the third pitch he gave the ball a long, solid ride into the outfield . . . and the cow who continued to serenely chew the short grass even though a round baseball missed her head by inches.

YOU REMEMBER an almost unbelievably perfect day, that Opening Day last year for the International League and again the pressure hanging on one athlete down there on the ballfield. And as he hits first a homerun, and then a single, and then a double, and steals base after base, and performs brilliantly everywhere, a good-meaning writer next to you says: "My God, Abe Lincoln musta' wrote the script today!"

And, if he did, Jackie Robinson was certainly dotting the i's.

AND YESTERDAY . . .

"I GOT bugs in my stomach," Jackie grinned. It was practice session 20 minutes before game time and the stocky star was having his first look at Ebbets Field. He already knew from a brief conversation with Branch Rickey earlier that he was going to be brought up to the Dodgers—but he didn't know it would be later that same day. Yes, he was as tight as a drum, plainly nervous. He'd been sick, and he kinda hoped it wouldn't stop him from having a good day for all the kids who were cheering his every move out there in practice.

Nearby, with a big No. 9 on the back of his shirt, was another Negro player who's destined to become a Dodger some day. Roy Campanella. A squat, powerful fellow with a quiet grin, he also drew an ovation as he stepped into the batting cage and rammed a couple of savage smashes up against the left-field wall.

The crowd whistled. . . . Roy finished batting . . . and allowed as how he felt "just fine." You can bet your bottom boot he'll be a Dodger, this brilliant catcher with the loud-barking bat.

SO THESE are some of the things you think about as you try and relax over the news of Jackie Robinson. Simple, mostly pleasant things. There's time tomorrow to answer some of the foolishness that I suppose will be uttered in the usual corners.

There's time tomorrow to remember that the good fight goes on. But, for today, let's just sit back and feel easy and warm. As that fellow in the pressbox said: "Robinson's a Dodger—and it's a great day, isn't it?"

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promotion, turned out to greet the Dodgers. They cheered Jackie warmly every time he came to bat, in a game won by Montreal, 4-3. Robinson went hitless in four trips to the plate but drew a walk to start the fourth and dented the rubber for the first run of the season at Ebbets Field. He fielded flawlessly at first base, where he is expected to play today in Brooklyn uniform against the Yankees.

SIGNS UP TODAY

In a press interview after the game Brooklyn president Branch Rickey, who has signed five Negro players to the Dodgers' farm system, said Robinson would formally sign a contract this morning.

In answer to questions he said he hadn't known exactly when he was going to make the move and decided suddenly during the game.

"I had the slips typed up this morning but wasn't sure when I would break the news," the slow-speaking Dodger executive said. "During the game I suddenly decided to shoot it. Robinson knew what I intended to do but didn't know when."

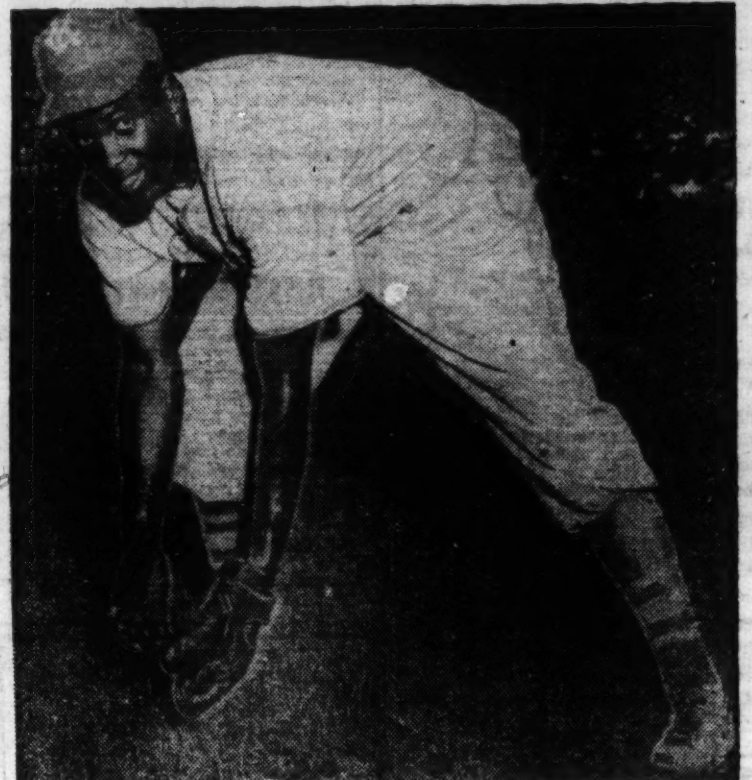
Rickey added that he had held a meeting Wednesday night with the Dodgers' three coaches, Clyde Sukeforth, Ray Blades and Jake Pitler, and that all three agreed that Robinson was ready to play in the big leagues and should be brought up.

LIPSY FOR JACKIE

He added that Leo Durocher, manager arbitrarily suspended for the season on vague charges by baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler, was in favor of bringing Robinson up.

"In fact," he said, "Leo asked me to bring him up earlier in Havana." TO PLAY EVERY DAY

"I think Robinson is a fine ball player who will help the team in some position or other," he added. "He really was sick and weakened down in Havana." Robinson is recovering from an attack of colitis brought on by eating poor



food in a third rate non-Jimcrow hotel.

Clyde Sukeforth, manager pro tem, was enthusiastic about the recruit. He paid tribute to Jackie as a fine, versatile performer and said "We'll use him every day."

Robinson, a good-looking man of 28 who stands an even six feet and weighs 190 pounds, comes from Los Angeles. At the University of California at Los Angeles he was one of the most remarkable all-round athletes in the country's history. Playing on the same football team as another great Negro star, Kenny Washington, he was a speedy, elusive halfback who received All-American mention. On the track he was Coast 100 and 220 yard champion. In basketball he was high scorer of the Pacific Conference and in baseball he was a sensational shortstop.

After two years in the Army, Robinson was signed last year to play for Montreal of the International League, the top Brooklyn farm team. He amazed the baseball world as a rookie by winning the

batting championship of the league and sparked the Royals to a "Little World Series" victory over Louisville of the American Association.

International League President

Frank Shaughnessy called him "the greatest player I have seen in thirty years," and Montreal manager Clay Hopper added, "the greater bunter and base runner since Ty Cobb."

A LONG FIGHT

Robinson's versatility will be one of his chief assets with the Dodgers. Originally a shortstop, he was shifted to second base at Montreal and quickly became a fielding star at the new position. This spring he shifted to first, the Dodgers' weakest position, and is in the midst of mastering the entirely new technique required.

NEGRO FANS

There were many hundreds of Negro fans in the Ebbets Field grandstand yesterday. Mingled with signs of "We Want Leo" were others saying "We're for Jackie." When Robinson made his first practice appearance he was instantly deluged with requests for autographs by all fans in the vicinity of the Montreal dugout.

Symbolically, as Jackie moved up to his rightful spot in the big leagues from the Montreal roster, another promising young Negro player, catcher Roy Campanella, went behind the plate for Montreal.

Oh Yes, the Royals Beat Brooklyn, 4-3

A ball game was played at Ebbets Field yesterday but the score was unimportant. All eyes were focused on Jackie Robinson, Montreal first baseman, who began the game as a minor leaguer and ended it in the majors.

Before the pastime began, Jackie confided that he was nervous about his first appearance in the major league park, but although he did not have one of his good days at bat, his first base play was flawless and he had the distinction of scoring the first run of the game in the fourth. First up in that inning, he worked Ralph Branca for a pass, then jogged around the bases on Lund's homer into the left field stands. On three other occasions he went hitless, popping a foul on an attempt to bunt in the fifth with two men on bases which was converted into a double play.

Cold weather affected Branca, who yielded four runs on two walks and two circuit clouts. Duke Snider's triple with Walker on base accounted for the first two Dodger runs in fourth Hermanski's double sent Rojek home in the seventh. A Dodger rally was suppressed in the eighth when Stanky hit into a double play with the bases full, tapping to pitcher Banta whose toss to Roy Campanella was flung to Jackie to retire the side.

The final score, it happens, was 4-3.

During the game, coach Clyde Sukeforth managed the one-time Durocher Dandies.

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Movies

'Stallion Road',
A Horsey Affair

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Other Critics On
'Stallion Road'

B. C., Times: The scenery is gorgeous . . . and the outdoor action is engaging—most particularly if you are a horse.

J. T. M., PM: Excellent horsemanship, jumping trials and notably arresting scenes of horse-ranching . . . if you don't listen too sharply to the dialogue . . . you can get a fair share of enjoyment out of Stallion Road.

A. C., Telegram: The horses in the picture seemed to be the only ones concerned who understood what they were about . . . lots of scenes for the determined horse lover. . .

E. C., Sun: Horses more dramatic than humans.

—people who raise horses for a living need only the tail to be perfect fac-similes. Certainly, the characters in Stallion Road think more like their four-legged dependents than humans.

The Strand entry is centaurian in plot and quality and, as with the mythical character, both magnetic and comic at the same time. The story—one that has dramatic potentials—revolves around a veterinarian's experiments to fight off the dreaded animal disease—anthrax.

However, when the veterinarian, who is in love with the beautiful horse-breeder from yonder ranch, prefers to stop a rampaging anthrax epidemic among COWS rather than save one lonely mare from death (the horse being, of course, the lady's champ high-jumper), what price romance? The lady's wrath carries the kick of a mule and the love affair becomes colder than a stallion's nose.

NICE SCENERY

In and out of this horsey affair is the rich, successful, tweedy and auto-riding author who catches the lady on the rebound but falls off the saddle, so to speak, the minute he gets on. Of course, the veterinarian manages to get anthrax, too, and is saved by the lady, who injects into her boy friend's veins the very serum he worked on to lick the animal disease. P.S. Veterinarian recovers and with enough horse serum in him to know the way of true love, hitches his halter to the same post as his sweetheart, while noble author rides off (in a sedan) beyond the hills and to people. . .

Horse lovers will like this picture. There are excellent shots of sleek, graceful animals, some thrilling high-jump horse scenes and beautiful scenery of Madre Range, the Lower California setting where the picture was made.

Alexis Smith, as the girl who wouldn't love a man unless he also loved her horse, wears tight jeans and open-neck shirts. Zachary Scott, as the author, is clever, sacrificial and talks too much. Ronald Reagan, the experimenting horse doctor who also wins the girl, does better than either of the other two. At least some of his dialogue makes sense. —M. S.

Ballad Festival
At Town Hall

Maxine Sullivan, Leadbelly, Frank Warner, Texas Gladden, and other folk singers will be starred in a ballad festival at Town Hall, Saturday evening, April 19, at 11:30 p.m.

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The story is cluttered with an un-

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WOODWARD, Okla., April 10 (UP).—The season's worst tornado, all but wiped out five Texas and Oklahoma towns, killed at least 27 persons, and injured more than 600, a last minute survey of wreckage scattered along its 100-mile path revealed tonight. The search of smashed homes, business buildings and barns still was far from completed, and some authorities feared the final death toll would approach 160.

This town, a county seat in the wheat belt, was hardest hit of the five, because it was the largest. Approximately 100 square blocks were knocked down—a high proportion of the total build-up area. Of the 7,000 population, 83 definitely were known to be dead, 500 were injured and 3,500 were homeless. More than 350 of its homes and business buildings were shredded.

FIVE TOWNS RUINED

The other ruined towns, all hamlets, were White Deer, Canadian, Glazier and Higgins, all in Texas.

A hero of the tornado—that tore through Woodward shortly after 9 p.m. last night was L. L. Aurell, wire chief of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. His home blew away, while he and members of his family huddled in the basement.

After the storm's "suction cup" had passed, Aurell ran to the edge of town, climbed a telephone pole and held together the ends of a broken line in order to let the outside world know of the tragedy.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. today rejected an offer of the striking Southwestern Telephone Workers Union to send operators and repair crews into the tornado-struck areas. The union had asked that all supervisory personnel throughout the five-state area be taken from their jobs.

A sharp wind was blowing this morning and highways leading to Woodward were crowded with relative of residents here.

Sulfa and penicillin have been flown here. Some of the injured have been taken as far as Oklahoma City, some 200 miles south-east of Woodward.

CHILDREN SOB

Trucks were still hauling away the dead and injured this morning. At the medical stations, if a person was alive, someone tried to help him. If he was dead, they dropped a cover over him and went on.

The scenes at Woodward's regular hospital and emergency hospitals were pitiful. Dazed citizens searched for missing members of their families. Injured children sobbed for parents.

A loudspeaker set up in the main street kept blaring calls for blood donors.

Pepper

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mitted that in reaching out for security, the U. S., since the war, has reached thousands of miles further from its homeland than has the Soviet Union."

Pepper expressed doubt the world would be "overrun by Communism." But he said the present methods of opposing Communism would not work.

"You cannot stop the spread of ideas with guns or bayonets or even atom bombs. And even all the wealth of America is not enough alone to hold off the surging forces of the people, only a small part of whom are Communists, who are reaching out for the rungs of hope upon which to pull themselves from their misery."

AFL Hotel Workers Call For Joint Labor Action

By Ruby Cooper

MILWAUKEE, April 10.—The AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers convention here today voted almost unanimously for joint action by all sections of the labor movement to defeat anti-labor legislation. This is the first major AFL international to take such action.

The delegates urged joint action with the CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Replying to some delegates who desired to limit cooperation many delegates appealed for unity of all as the way to offer the strongest resistance.

Delegate Lazzari from Pittsburgh told the convention "We lost one round last November only because the reactionaries were successful in keeping labor apart."

Another delegate, Ida Stewart of Local 14, Wyoming, declared that labor in her state was able to defeat anti-labor legislation there recently through joint activity of the AFL and CIO.

Delegate Harry Reich, Local 89, New York, secretary of the resolutions committee, declared:

"If we want to defeat this wave of anti-labor legislation, we cannot do it alone. We must cooperate with the Railroad Brotherhoods, CIO, the telephone workers, who are now out on strike, and the International Machinists, who are independent of the AFL."

Following Reich's moving appeal, the convention adopted the resolution.

Other resolutions passed urged

the establishment of a national FEPC; the elimination of racial and religious discrimination, and the formation of legislative committees at all levels in the international union.

Many other resolutions, including anti-Communist ones, are still to be acted upon by the convention.

RED-BAITING

Following the balloting for international secretary-treasurer, in which anti-administration forces piled up a high vote for C. T. McDonough, the administration appeared intent on ruthlessly quelling the opposition.

After purging from the General Executive Board all vice-presidents who supported McDonough, administration forces unleashed a red-baiting hysteria.

Despite harmony declarations by president Hugo Ernst, elements led by New York District vicepresident Minguel Garriga, prepared a resolution to come before the convention late today or tomorrow calling for the expulsion of alleged Communists.

Delegates from California, who yesterday walked out of the convention in protest against the purging of McDonough, today returned to the convention in response to a personal plea by McDonough. Earlier, they had refused to heed a similar invitation from Ernst.

House Group Approves Witch-Hunt on Unions

WASHINGTON, April 10 (UP). — The House Labor Committee today formally approved that section of its sweeping labor bill which would permit the government to crack down on "Communist-dominated unions."

The committee, now preparing a final draft of the Republican-sponsored measure section by section, gave unanimous approval to a provision authorizing the National Labor Relations Board to withhold recognition from any union under the influence of Communists.

It also approved setting up a labor-management relations board and the office of administrator of the National Labor Relations (Wagner) Act.

Chairman Fred A. Hartley, Jr., (R-NJ) said the committee probably would take up the more important sections tomorrow or Saturday. As prepared by Hartley and approved by the House GOP Steering Committee, the bill also would ban the closed shop, outlaw industry-wide bargaining, and permit 75-day injunctions in strikes affecting the public safety.

Hartley said he plans to bring the measure to the House floor next week. The GOP leadership has allotted four days for consideration, and Hartley said he would "do

(For complete details of bill, see story on page 5)

my darndest" to get it passed by next Thursday.

The bill is assured of almost solid Republican support both in the committee and in the House.

Committee Democrats were annoyed that Hartley and his fellow-Republicans prepared the bill without consulting them. They indicated they would try to make some changes.

Attention! May Day Sloganeers

"Rather have peace—or a King in Greece?"

The United May Day Committee is preparing the main slogans for the May Day parade. Would-be poets and song-writers are asked to send in their suggestions. Make them short as well as snappy. Let yourself go and mail the result to the United May Day Committee, Room 508, 13 Astor Place, New York 3.



by BARNARD RUBIN

BEVIN'S policy of permitting Nazis to entrench themselves in postwar Germany has bounced back. Claiming concern over the alleged German food shortage, Bevin neglects to mention that one-fifth of all grain sent from the north German ports to the Rhineland has mysteriously disappeared.

Molotov had warned, at a recent foreign ministers' session, that two-thirds of all the officials in the railway service carrying the grain were former members of the Nazi party.

Every day, for the last 30 days, 1,000 tons of grain have been stolen by the railway operators right under the noses of the occupation forces! . . .



TOWN TALK

Roberto Rossellini, director of Open City, will start work in France on a movie starring Anna Magnani, of that same film. It's based on a one act play of Cocteau's titled, The Telephone, and the only player in the film will be Miss Magnani! . . .

Piscator is readying an out-of-town summer theatre. Will use people from his New School courses. . . .

Friends of Harold Russell concerned about the item in this column on his non-appearance at that Progressive Citizens of America-Henry Wallace Madison Square Garden Rally. They say his failure to appear as advertised was not due to pressure—but to a misunderstanding. The gallant handless veteran, they say, is devoting all his time and energies to the disabled veterans' cause—and nothing else. . . .

Caught Art Tatum's act at the Zanzibar last night. It was the first time I'd heard this blind Negro artist play the piano. I'm no jazz bug, but when Tatum plays it—it's for me. His clean playing and fascinating variations can take any old bedraggled jazz number, that's been kicked around till it got lost—and make it sound as fresh as baby's first gurgle. . . .

Belle Baker who is coming to La Martinique, may be that spot's last gasp. If they don't hit the jackpot hard with her, talk is they'll close. . . .

Alfred Hitchcock's next film, The Paradine Case, breaks his long string of one-word movie titles. . . .

Canada Lee to the west coast to produce and star Macbeth and Othello. He will select the cast for both plays there. The two plays will be put on alternate nights and plans calls for a tour starting on the west coast to finally wind up on Broadway. A film personage financing. . . .

Argentine Censor, Don Alfredo Bolognesi, cut the shots of Hitler and Eva Braun gamboling around together out of those newsreels when they were shown in Buenos Aires. Bad taste, he said. . . .

Hazel Scott will receive \$1,500 more for her coming appearance at the Roxy than for her last appearance there. . . .

The spring weather is bringing those dice games, held in subway stations during the cold, out into the alleys. . . .

On Whitman Avenue being considered by an independent producer for film production. . . .

Viola Brothers Shore, who knows her business, teaching a short story course at her home here in New York. . . .

Arthur Laurents to Hollywood to write for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Charlotte Holland, wife of Sam Wanamaker, will play opposite Gregory Peck, (who's played opposite Ingrid Bergman) in a United Jewish Appeal radio show. Wanamaker is currently playing opposite Bergman in Joan of Lorraine. . . .

Alfred Linder (he was in Cagney's "13 Rue Madeleine") and Frances Adler now in the Dramatic Workshop version of Sartre's play The Flies. . . .

Nicky Blair was host to a Parisian friend at his Carnival nightclub the other evening and listened to his complaints. The Parisian had just come from Washington where he had attended a session in the Senate and he sighed, "Veree strange, your country. One man got up and spoke and said notheeng. Nobodee leestened—then everybody deesagreed. Veree strange!" . . .

Johnny Wynn, last seen in Tid Bits of 1946, died recently of a heart attack. . . .

When James Mason and wife, Pamela Kellino, were posing for photos to advertise Bathsheba, the photographer asked Miss Kellino, "Now just before we shoot this picture take a deep breath."

"What for?", questioned Miss Kellino.

"Mason answered, "Well I think, dear, they'd like you to look a little—er—fuller."

"I'm sorry, darling," sorried his wife, "this is all the bosom I can summon up at the moment". . . .

PHILADELPHIA STORY

The left-wing Locust Bookshop, in Philadelphia, was recently invited to display literature at a lecture at which a prominent progressive was to speak on China. The Shop's management quickly wrote to publisher's McGraw-Hill asking for a consignment of copies of "Challenge Of Red China" by Gunther Stein.

The books never came, and after the meeting the bookshop received a letter from the publishers profuse in apologies for their tardy response, and with an explanation. The letter had failed to reach the proper person in time, confusion, etc.

The shop's management accepted the apology and forgot the matter—but the remorseful publishers were unwilling to let it go at that.

When another of their authors was due to speak in Philadelphia shortly after that, they decided to send the leftist bookshop a large consignment of his book for sale at the meeting. Moreover, they would make special arrangements to have the author himself come to the bookshop for an autograph party.

The book offered was "This Is My Story." The author—Louis Budenz. . . .

See you Monday. . . .

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